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S/TH Comments on CRR Contribution to the WIE 13-58, CIA/DR IP-596, Economic Development in Communist China under the First and Second Five Year Plans, 1953-1962, 12 February 1958. S/HOMER/CONT CONTOL.

1. Basically IP-396 seems to be an excellent summation of the voluminous amount of information available to A/F in the various branch contributions. Although the section on transportation is not as profound or extensive as it could be, S/TR is in agreement with the conclusions stated therein. It does appear, however, that transportation was not discussed in as much detail as it could have been, when comparison is made with the amount of space devoted to some other sectors of the economy. The material on native transport is significant, but a more detailed discussion of recent developments in railroads, highways, inland waterways, and coastal shipping, should also have been included. The section on transportation was not coordinated with S/TR before the present publication.

2. Table 9, p. 95, contains several errors, and also needs to be revised to incorporate data which recently became available to S/HR. A corrected and revised version of Table 9 is attached to this memo. As a result of the changes in Table 9, the text tabulation at the top of p. 29 should be revised as follows:

1962

Railroads	82.3 (not 80.9)
Highways	3.6 (not 4.0)
Inland Waterways	8.8 (not 9.0)
Coastal Shipping	6.3 (not 6.1)
	100.0

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